

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, the listing of claims given below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. – 26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently amended) A lottery gaming system, comprising:

a preprinted instant lottery ticket, the lottery ticket including a ticket identifier, an interactive game information, an instant game information, and a removable covering concealing the instant game information;

a lottery ticket dispenser configured to dispense the lottery ticket,

the lottery ticket dispenser including an input device configured to receive, prior to the lottery ticket being dispensed, an input indicating a player's choice between purchasing the lottery ticket as a hybrid instant lottery ticket that is also usable in an interactive Internet game and purchasing the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game,

the lottery ticket dispenser configured, responsive to receiving the input indicating the player's choice to purchase the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game, to dispense the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game;

a central computer system in communication with the lottery ticket dispenser and configured to receive from the lottery ticket dispenser an indication that the player has chosen to purchase the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game, the central computer system configured to, responsive to the receipt of the indication, to activate the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game; and

a computing device remote from and in communication with the central computer system via the Internet, the computing device configured to receive the interactive game information from the lottery ticket, the computing device further configured, responsive to receipt of an indication that the lottery ticket was activated for use in the interactive Internet game, to be

utilized by the player to play the interactive Internet game based at least in part on the interactive game information.

28. (Currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the lottery ticket dispenser further comprises:

a printer configured to print the interactive game information on the lottery ticket responsive to the indication that the player has chosen to purchase the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game.

29. (Currently amended) The lottery game system of claim 27, wherein the lottery ticket is pre-printed with the interactive game information, the ticket dispenser further comprising:

a reader configured to read the ticket identifier from the lottery ticket prior to the ticket being activated for use in the interactive Internet game.

30. (Previously presented) The lottery game system of claim 29, wherein the reader is configured to read the ticket identifier from the lottery ticket prior to the lottery ticket being dispensed.

31. (Previously presented) The lottery game system of claim 29, wherein the ticket dispenser is further configured to communicate the ticket identifier read from the lottery ticket to the central computer.

32. (Previously presented) The lottery game system of claim 27, wherein the ticket identifier and interactive game information are encoded in a bar code.

33. (Previously presented) The lottery game system of claim 27, wherein the ticket identifier and interactive game information are separate and apart on the ticket.

34. (Currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the interactive game information further comprises:

an access code configured to permit the player to access the interactive Internet game.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently amended) The lottery game system of claim ~~35~~ 27, wherein the interactive game information further includes an Internet address where the player can access the interactive Internet game.

37. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the computing device is remote from the lottery ticket dispenser.

38. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the computing device is incorporated into the lottery ticket dispenser.

39. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the computing device is a handheld device.

40. (Withdrawn and currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the result of the interactive Internet game is based at least in part on a skill component.

41. (Withdrawn and currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the result of the interactive Internet game is based at least in part on the result of an event external to the lottery system.

42. (Withdrawn) The lottery gaming system of claim 41, wherein the external event is a result of a sporting competition.

43. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the interactive game information is pre-printed on the lottery ticket and activated in response to a transmission of the identifier to the central computer system.

44. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, the central computer system is further configured to transmit the interactive game information to the ticket dispenser and wherein the ticket dispenser is configured, responsive to the receipt of the interactive game information from the central computer, to print the interactive game information on the game ticket.
45. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the removable covering is a scratch-off layer.
46. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the removable covering includes the interactive game information.
47. (Previously presented) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the lottery ticket is releasably coupled by lines of weakness to additional lottery tickets in a fan fold stack of lottery tickets.
48. (Currently amended) A method of conducting a lottery, comprising:
accepting a payment from a player for a preprinted instant win lottery ticket;
receiving an input indicating a player's choice between purchasing the lottery ticket as a hybrid instant lottery ticket that is also usable in an interactive Internet game and purchasing the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for the interactive Internet game;
responsive to the player's choice to purchase the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for the interactive Internet game and the acceptance of payment from the player for the lottery ticket, dispensing the lottery ticket without activating the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game;
responsive to the player's choice to purchase a lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game and the acceptance of payment from the player for the lottery ticket, providing the player a lottery ticket including a ticket identifier, an instant win information concealed by a removable covering, and an interactive game information;
responsive to the player's choice to purchase the lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game and the acceptance of payment from the player for the lottery ticket, activating the

lottery ticket for use in the interactive Internet game, the activating based at least in part on a ticket identifier;

redeeming the lottery ticket for a prize if the instant win information included in the lottery ticket indicates that the lottery ticket is an instant game winner;

receiving a request from the player to play the interactive Internet game on a computing device;

incident to the request from the player, receiving at least a portion of the interactive game information from the ticket at the computing device; and

responsive to receiving an indication that the lottery ticket has been activated for use in the interactive Internet game, providing an interactive game play to the player at the computing device, the interactive game play based at least in part on the interactive game information.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the interactive game information is pre-printed on the lottery ticket.

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
responsive to the player's choice to purchase a lottery ticket for use in an interactive Internet game, printing the interactive game information on the lottery ticket.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the activating further comprises:
reading the ticket identifier from the lottery ticket;
transmitting the ticket identifier to a central computer system;
storing a database entry indicating the ticket has been activated at the central computer system.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the activating the lottery ticket occurs prior to providing the player the lottery ticket.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, wherein the ticket identifier and the interactive game information are encoded in a bar code.

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
crediting an account of the player if the player wins the interactive Internet game.
55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48, further comprising:
providing the interactive game information on the removable covering;
after the removable covering has been removed by the player, receiving a tender of the
lottery ticket without the removable covering for a prize in the instant win game;
responsive to receiving the tender of the lottery ticket, redeeming the lottery ticket for
the prize in the instant win game; and
providing the interactive game play to the player at the computing device after the player
has redeemed the lottery ticket for a prize in the instant win game.
56. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 55, wherein
the receiving at least a portion of the interactive game information from the ticket at the
computing device occurs after the tender of the lottery ticket, the interactive game information
being provided by the player from removable covering.
57. (Withdrawn and currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 48, further
comprising:
providing a result for the interactive Internet game to the player, the result of the
interactive Internet game based at least in part on a skill component.
58. (Withdrawn and currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 48, further
comprising:
providing a result for the interactive Internet game to the player, the result of the
interactive Internet game based at least in part on the result of an event external to the lottery
system.
59. (Withdrawn) The lottery gaming system of claim 58, wherein the external event is a
result of a sporting competition.

60. (Currently amended) The lottery gaming system of claim 27, wherein the computing device is further configured, responsive to receipt of an indication that the lottery ticket has not been activated for use in the interactive Internet game, to prevent the player from playing the interactive game using the lottery ticket.

61. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, further comprising:
responsive to receiving an indication that the lottery ticket has not been activated for use in the interactive Internet game, preventing the player from playing the interactive game using the lottery ticket.